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**Patent Application**

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Title: Automated Link Variant Determination and Protocol Configuration  
for Customer Premises Equipment and Other Network Devices

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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The remarks below are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated April 23, 2004, in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 11, 2000 with claims 1-27. Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the application.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 7-10, 14, 16, 17, 20-23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,108,350 to Araujo et al. (hereinafter "Araujo"), rejected claims 2, 5, 6, 15, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Araujo in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0067884 (hereinafter "Abler"), and allowed claims 11-13 and 24-26.

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